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[Front of Letter 531]
Hope James, Watkins Mar 9, 1975
Mar 11/75
With regard to the shipment of his picture to Balt.

[Letter 531]

Watkins N.Y. March 9th, 1875
Wm MacLeod Esq.

Dear Sir

I am sorry you waited to write, before shipping the picture. I supposed you would ship it, and then send the bill to me, as I expected to pay expenses.

So please ship it per Northern Central Freight, on receipt of this, and send the bill to me. I presume it wont be far from five dollars, it cost 75 cts for cartage, and 4 dollars for the Cabinet makers assistance in getting it up. See that it is properly marked and reported to the Freight Clerk, so they will send it to Baltimore free, as they have orders to that effect from HeadQuarters.

And oblige
Yours Truly
James Hope

[Front of Letter 532]

Sand, Max E, Gillet & Co., New York, Mar 10/75
Mar 11/75
With regard to Bust of Napoleon & photograph of same.

[Letter 532]

[Letterhead of Joseph Gillet & Co., No. 91 Front St., P.O. Box 2366, New York]
10th Mar 1875
Wm MacLeod Esq, Curator Corcoran Gallery, Washington

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday stating that as you have a bust of Napoleon by Canova. Your Art Committee declined to consider the one of which I forwarded photographs-

I have no objection to your retaining the photographs and with thanks for your prompt reply remain

Yours respectfully
Max E Sand

In case you should hear of any art lover in your city who might be disposed to purchase the bust, I should be much indebted if you would advise me of the fact.

[Front of Letter 533]
Moran T., Newark Mar 7, 1875
Mar 9/75, 9/75
Picture of Mt of the Holy Cross nearly finished. Will bring it to the Gallery.

[Letter 533]

[United States Postal Card addressed to Mr McLeod, Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington D.C.]

Newark, March 7th 1875
Dear McL,

Have nearly finished my picture of Mt of The Holy Cross. Shall bring it to the Gallery when finished. How is my brothers picture liked.

Truly Yours
T. Moran

[Front of Letter 534]
Moran P., Philadelphia, March 15, 1875
March 17/74, 17/74
Wishes his painting “The Sunny Slope” sent to Academy of Design N.Y. bet. the 18th & 24th of March.
[Assumption is made that the responses were sent in 1875 and not 1874 as written in the original]

[Letter 534]

[Note at top of letter]
P.S. if you have one of there Circulars will please fill it up and send with the picture

Philadelphia, March 15th 1875
Mr MacLeod

Dear Sir

I received your note announcing the decision of the Art Committee and am very sorry they did not think my picture sufficiently meritorious to purchase it, if it will not give you too much trouble, will you be kind enough to have the picture boxed and sent to the Academy of Design of New York, for there Spring Exhibition, the pictures must be in between the 18th & 24th of March, you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully
P. Moran

[Front of Letter 535]
Lake J. B, Rectortown VA. March 2, 1875
Mar 3/75, 3/75
Asks if we have any Photographs of the “Burial of Moses”

[United States Postal Card addressed to Mr. F.S. Barbarin, Assist. Curator Corcoran Art Gallery Washington D.C.]

[Letter 535]

Rectortown, Fauquier Co. VA, March 2 ‘75

Dear Sir -

Have you any photographs of the painting “The Burial of Moses” - If so I would be glad if you would send me one, and also state the price.

Yours
J. B. Lake

[Front of Letter 536]
Brown H.K., Newburgh N.Y. March 16, 1875
March 18./75
Ackg the recpt: of a set of Photographs

[Letter 536]

Newburgh March 16 1875
Dr. Barbarin

Dear Sir

I received through yours kindly a set of Photographs presented me by the “Corcoran Art Gallery” a very beautiful present and very acceptable to me.

Please express my thanks to the Committee and to Dr. MacLeod for this pleasant token of their esteem.

Yours very truly
H.K. Brown

[Duplicate of Front of Letter 536]

[Front of Letter 537]
Avery S.P., New York, Mar 19. 1875
Mar 20/75
Requests that his pictures be sent, directed to S.P.A. care Purdy & Co. 42. West 13th St.

[Letter 537]

[Letterhead of S.P. Avery Art Rooms, 88 Fifth Ave. near 14th St., New York]
Mar 19th 1875
Mr McLeod

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to see that my five pictures are carefully packed - and forward by cheapest way. Direct to S.P.A. care Purdy & Co. 42 West 13th St.

I am sorry that you have been troubled at all in the matters.

Truly Yours
Sam P. Avery

Get them off on Monday so they will not lay at risk over Sunday-

[Front of Letter 538]
Hope James Watkins, March 17. 1875
Mar 19/75, Mar 19/75
Encloses $6 to pay expense of packing his picture.

[Letter 538]

Watkins Glen N.Y. March 17, 1875

Wm McLeod Esq

Yours came all right last evening, enclosing bill for packing picture etc.

Enclosed please find ($6.00) six dollars, the amount of same, for which please receipt.

Yours Truly
James Hope

[Front of Letter 539]
Barker James W. March 22. 1875
Estimate for the construction of two rooms at N ends of open courts. =$1300.

[Letter 539]

Washington D.C. March 22nd 1875
Dr. J.C. Hall

Dear Sir:

I will furnish the materials for, and do the following work in the erection of the addition to the "Corcoran Gallery of Art" viz: Put in two room gardens of 10 inch, heavy rolled iron, with the necessary timber, + bolted together, and upon them build a 14 inch wall of red bricks to fill up the arch-way, with two windows, with stone sills, in same, according to plan; put in the necessary iron girders for the floor + then a 4 inch brick arch between them, to make the floor

fire proof, and lay on top of it a good N.C. pine floor like that in the other part of the building; put in one door underneath centre window, leading from the Sculpture Hall to the addition; put down washboard; put in necessary shelving, and wood-work for wash-basin; put up board ceiling; paint all the new brick walls inside and out three coats and all the old brick-walls inside the room two coats; All the wood-work usually painted to have three coats of paint; all the [sash?] to be glazed with good quality glass, - for the sum of six hundred and sixty-six dollars ($666#) for each room. A door, with stone sill, from basement passage to area will cost thirty dollars additional.

Respectfully
James W. Barker
1106 H St, N.W.
[N.B.] The above estimate is composed of the following items.

[Enclosed list of items for Letter 539]
The accompanying estimate is composed of the following items, viz:

Iron girders	$214.00
Brick work & Materials	122.00
Painting & Glazing	118.00
Stone sills	18.00
Carpenter work & Materials	194.00
	$666.00
Door in basement	30.00
	$696.00

[N.B.] The above estimate is for one room, and does not include plumbing work nor gas fixtures.

James W. Barker, 1106 H St, N.W.

March 23, 75 Saw Mr. Barker today and he agrees to commence the work at once, and construct the two rooms for $1300 - plumbing excluded
J.C. Hall

[Letter 540]

[Letterhead of the Public Library of Kentucky, Office of Librarian, Louisville, KY.]
March 19th, 1875
Mr. MacLeod

Dear sir,

I received to-day your communication and as terms suit will take the pictures; wishing however three each of the Venus Group, Laocoon, Venus Victrix, (Gibson) and Greek slave, instead of four each of the three, as at-first-ordered. I would prefer, if possible, to have the Laocoon with black back-ground as a companion to the Venus Group. I order of course the largest-size photographs, like those sent the Public Library N.Y. - you understand. Enclosed find Post-office order for the amount ($9.)

Very Respectfully
HP Hawkins
P.S. Please send package by mail HPH -

[Back of Letter 540]
Hawkins H.P., Louisville Ky. March 19. 1875
March 22/75, 23/75
Requests 9 Photographs by mail.